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An Affirming Ministry

Pentecost

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PRELUDE / WELCOME / THE LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH INTROIT/ CHRIST CANDLELIGHTING

WE GATHER

As we gather together for worship, we celebrate the shining waters which run through the ancestral lands of our Indigenous sisters and brothers in the area. Those waters shimmer with the Great Spirit of all Creation and the spirits of the fathers and mothers that come ahead of us. In our time together, let the ground on which we gather be sacred ground.

GATHERING SONG

Spirit of Life

VU#381

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Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

GATHERING WORDS (responsive) (*Astonished and Amazed*, by Joyce Rupp - from *Out of the Ordinary*)

One: Like tulips long lying hidden suddenly springing forth
making beauty out of sunlight

**All: like soil caught and turned, warm, moist, and ready for seed,
opening its heart for growing**

One: like spring speaking to the day about the goodness of the earth,
patterning green on every plain

**All: like trickles of raindrops smoothing earth's rough edges,
healing hardened hillsides**

One: like all these quiet miracles so is the coming of Spirit, telling of the surge of life

**All: urging us to gaze again upon our very common days,
to look within and be amazed.**

OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

One: Gentle Spirit of God, breath of life which touches each face with love,

All: you are with us and within us.

One: You are the melody of joy in all creation,
poured out in notes of hope and healing around us all,

All: you are with us and within us.

One: Passionate Spirit, warming our hearts with the bright flame of your caring,

All: you are with us and within us.

One: Divine Dreamer, who casts a glimpse of beauty
in the imaginations of all your children,

All: you are with us and within us.

One: Host of the table, you set a fest of grace and welcome all to your bounty,

All: you are with us and within us.

One: On this day we name your coming,
the Holy One who never leaves us, nor forsakes us.

All: you are with us and within us.

One: Stay with us now, Spirit of God, Spirit of Jesus - whose prayer we now say together...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken in unison)*

VU#921

***HYMN** *Come, O Holy Spirit*

MV#23

Words: Fred Kaan, 1972, rev. 1998; French trans. David Fines, 2006, Music: Ron Klusmeier, 2000

1. Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;
strike it as a lightning hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures and consume the sham
of our holy systems: Come in Jesus' name!

Refrain:

Come, come, come in Jesus name! Take our hearts by storm.

All the world lies open: Pentecost is now!

2. Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm. **R**
3. Free us from the babble of our Babel mind.
Spark in us a language all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness, come and show us how.
All the world lies open, Pentecost is now! **R**

THEME CONVERSATION

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Teach us faith, teach us caring. Teach us love, teach us sharing
Help us love your whole creation. Make our lives a celebration. Amen.

WE REFLECT

ANTHEM

Go Ye into all the World

POEM*Astonished and Amazed***Rev. Alan Boyd**Joyce Rupp, *Out of the Ordinary*

like tulips long lying hidden
suddenly springing forth
making beauty out of sunlight

like soil caught and turned,
warm, moist, and ready for seed,
opening its heart for growing

like spring speaking to the day
about the goodness of the earth,
patterning green on every plain

like trickles of raindrops
smoothing earth's rough edges,
healing hardened hillsides

like all these quiet miracles
so is the coming of the Spirit,
telling of life and dreams and visions

urging us to gaze again
upon our very common days,
to look within and around and be amazed.

PENTECOST READING*Acts 2:1-21***Rev. Alan Boyd**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters

shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

***HYMN** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (requested anonymously) **VU#375 vs. 1&4**

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Refrain:

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **R**
4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC *I Hear Music in Me*

***SUNG OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *What Can I Do?*

MV#191

Words and music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy, arr. Alan C. Whitmore, 2005.

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

WE GO FORTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***BLESSING**

***SUNG BLESSING** *Spirit of the Living God*

VU#376 vs. 2

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2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

POSTLUDE